Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—With regard to (b) will the Cosmopolitan Hostel be allowed full uncharged quantity of water for the rental capacity of the building?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Free allowance is calculated at the rate of 20 gallons per person.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—(b) Yes. May I take it that the rental capacity of the Cosmopolitan Hostel will be the criterion for the free supply of water?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—There have been no rental values fixed for Government buildings.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Yesterday a question was answered giving the actual rental capacity of the Cosmopolitan Hostel. It is Rs. 1,632 per annum.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—From a Municipal point of view we have no annual rental value fixed for the building.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—What is the maximum free allowance?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—500 gallons per day.

Estimate for the Karuvannur Floods Prevention work.

584. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(1) whether they have prepared the estimate for the works proposed by Diwan Bahadur Mr. Swaminatha Ayyar for the prevention of the Karuvannur floods ;

(2) what the total cost of his scheme is ;

(3) what is the amount spent up-to-date on the Chief Engineer's scheme (Cochin) for the prevention of the floods in the same river ;

(4) what is the approximate amount spent by the Government up-to-date for the construction and maintenance of the Karuvannur bunds ;

(5) what is the average yearly expenditure that will be required for the maintenance of the Karuvannur bunds after the completion of the works proposed by Mr. Swaminatha Ayyar?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(1) The estimate is under preparation by the P. W. D.

(2) Diwan Bahadur Mr. Swaminatha Ayyar estimates the cost of works at Rs. 1,00,000. Definite information regarding cost could be furnished only after the P. W. D. estimate is completed.

(3) Rs. 44,045—6—0 was spent for the three works in the first stage of the scheme.

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(4) The period covered by the question being indefinite it is not possible to furnish correct information.

(5) It is not possible to furnish the information at this stage.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—According to Mr. Swaminatha Ayyar's scheme it is one lakh? Is it after preparing detailed plans and estimates that he makes this figure of one lakh?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—It is only a cost report after inspecting the site not after taking the level, etc.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—What is the total cost of the State Chief Engineer's scheme?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—It is about 2 lakhs and 40,000 rupees.

585. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to inform what action has been taken to carry out item No. IV referred to in the Minutes of Meeting No. 3 of the Road Board published in the Gazette, dated 13th August 1932 and whether the decision of the Road Board will early be carried out?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—No action has been taken. The matter will receive early attention.

Utilisation of funds provided for Kunnamkulam—Tiruthikad road.

586. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to inform whether satisfactory steps have been taken to utilise in full before the end of this year the budget provision of Rs. 5,000 for opening a road from Kunnamkulam to Tiruthikad and Pazhanji;

and whether the amount budgetted for this road once before the current year was not allowed to lapse?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The provision of Rs. 5,000 is for the construction of a road from Kunnamkulam to Tiruthikad. Every effort will be made to utilise the allotment in full.

An allotment was budgetted in a previous year for a road from Kunnamkulam to Pazhanji but the work as contemplated was abandoned.

Want of a road to connect Alloor with Mattom (Talappilli Taluk.)

587. Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether their attention has been drawn to the necessity of a direct road connection between Alloor and Mattom;

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